

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-15 : (Canceled)

Claim 16 : (New) A message delivery means for accepting a message from a message source and for delivering the message to a message recipient device, comprising: a telecommunications system including an intelligent network (IN) platform including a plurality of applications, each application being stored at a respective service control point within the IN platform, the plurality of applications including means for handling each received message and for delivering the received message to the recipient device.

Claim 17 : (New) The message delivery means as claimed in claim 16, wherein the message source comprises at least one selected from a group comprising a mobile telephone, a WAP telephone, an IP/SIP telephone, a computer, a personal assistant device, and a dTV.

Claim 18 : (New) The message delivery means as claimed in claim 16, wherein at least one of the recipient device and the message source is a dTV.

Claim 19 : (New) The message delivery means as claimed in claim 18, wherein the dTV is connected via a controller that enables the dTV to be connected to the IN platform by at least one of a dial-up, DSL, satellite and cable modem.

Claim 20 : (New) The message delivery means as claimed in claim 18, wherein the dTV initiates calling back a message sender using a received calling line identity.

Claim 21 : (New) The message delivery means as claimed in claim 20, wherein a call is set up for a user's fixed line telephone and is billed on a bill for the user's fixed line telephone.

Claim 22 : (New) The message delivery means as claimed in claim 16, wherein the IN platform includes a billing application for generating billing information for the message in the same way as billing information is generated for telephone calls.

Claim 23 : (New) A telecommunications system, comprising: a message source; a message recipient device; and an intelligent network (IN) platform including a plurality of applications, each application being stored at a respective service control point within the IN platform, the plurality of applications including a message delivery means for accepting a message from the message source and for delivering the message to the recipient device.

Claim 24 : (New) The telecommunications system as claimed in claim 23, wherein the message source comprises at least one selected from a group comprising a mobile telephone, a WAP telephone, an IP/SIP telephone, a computer, a personal assistant device, and a dTV.

Claim 25 : (New) The telecommunications system as claimed in claim 24, wherein at least one of the recipient device and the source device is a dTV.

Claim 26 : (New) The telecommunications system as claimed in claim 25, wherein the dTV is connected via a controller that enables the dTV to be connected to the IN platform by at least one of a dial-up, DSL, satellite, and cable modem.

Claim 27 : (New) The telecommunications system as claimed in claim 25, including means for using the dTV to initiate calling back a message sender using a received calling line identity.

Claim 28 : (New) The telecommunications system as claimed in claim 27, wherein a call is set up for a user's fixed line telephone and is billed on a bill for the user's fixed line telephone.

Claim 29 : (New) The telecommunications system as claimed in claim 23, wherein the IN platform includes a billing application for generating billing information for the message in the same way as billing information is generated for telephone calls.